

One In Christ ACC Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

Attendance: Shirley S., Candice K., Jean B., Adam V., Leonard P., Frank R., Joan K., Joe K., Fr. Ron, Fr. Tom

Absent: Stef R., Chuck S., Jeff B., Carol H.

A. Welcome and Prayer by Shirley

Minutes taken by Joan in Cindy's absence

B. Minutes for October 6, 2020 were approved with no changes

C. 1) Representation of all parishes on each committee was discussed. All committees have a representative from each parish except Evangelization which is missing a representative from Sacred Heart. It was noted that the Worship Committee has only one task remaining which is training of liturgical ministers and that will probably need to be postponed until more people are attending Masses. Therefore, Joan agreed to contact Jeff Brunn to ask if he is willing to move to the Evangelization Committee. Joan also said she would be willing to move from Stewardship to Evangelization, if necessary, as Fr. Tom is on Stewardship and represents both Sacred Heart and Annunciation.

Reports from each committee:

- a. Stewardship is looking into ways of educating parishioners about stewardship as a primary goal. It was noted that the leadership in each parish needs to understand and practice stewardship for the parishioners to participate. The concern of how to work with the Evangelization committee was raised. The finance committees from each parish should be involved with the stewardship of treasure goals. The committee proposes purchasing copies of the book, "Stewardship Success", for all leadership teams in each parish to read and discuss. It was agreed that Joan will order the books and each parish will pay for the copies they receive. Fr. Ron and Adam will contact Joan with the number of books needed by St. Stephen and St. Francis. A second recommendation is to start a weekly addition to the bulletin for stewardship information to gradually educate parishioners. Members of the committee will begin the bulletin spot which will include a consistent graphic on November 22 or 29.
- b. Young Adult group reports no change since the last meeting. It is difficult to meet currently with the COVID outbreaks. Philip Shevland from Sacred Heart is organizing some events and inviting all parishes to join.
- c. Evangelization is working on the brochure and letter to be mailed to parishioners. The brochure is at the printer. It will be labeled at SFX by members of all four parishes and mailed soon. The draft of the letter will be discussed at the next committee meeting on Nov. 19. There was discussion about the use of OIC in place of ACC. At this time, it seems better to use "One In Christ ACC" to eliminate confusion.

Dcn Joe clarified that what Sacred Heart is currently doing in reaching out with phone calls, etc. is not the same as what is being planned by the Evangelization committee. They are targeting their parishioners who may be in need of care due to loneliness, grief, etc. It is being done by their Social Concerns Committee. Sacred Heart may need to tailor their message for the Evangelization calls to reflect the reason for another phone call to those folks. RCIA is continuing to reach out to prospective participants.

- d. Worship committee is not currently meeting. One last item to complete their goals is training of liturgical ministers which is not happening at this time.
- e. We were not clear on what this item on the agenda was about, so we are deferring that to Stef for further explanation. Joan said she looked at the other ACC plans on the website but did not see anything that was helpful to us at this time.

NOTE: Leonard explained what the Stewardship Committee was doing to keep all of their committee members informed on ACC notes that might be helpful such as council minutes, etc. It was agreed that we ask Stef to set up a similar communication tool for the other committees. It was also agreed that each subcommittee share their minutes on the ACC drive.

C. 2) Parish Council Updates:

- a. Annunciation will meet again with the Parish Council and with the Finance Council to share information from the ACC Stewardship Committee
- b. Sacred Heart Council has been updated monthly by Fr. Tom. They have also been informed of the possible change in Pastoral Council structure.
- c. St. Francis Xavier Council will be updated when we have a clearer understanding of the plan for an ACC Pastoral Council. Adam has put all of their council members on the list to receive ACC minutes.
- d. St. Stephen Council has concerns about what all this means for them, but they are being kept updated

C. 3) ACC Planning Council terms were discussed. Do we have 3-year terms? Not sure about that.

- a. We decided to discuss the duties of chairperson, etc. at the next meeting
- b. There was a limited discussion about the proposal to move to an ACC Pastoral Council as sent by Fr. Tom. How and will that happen? How are the current parish pastoral councils involved? Will Brenda be sending more guidance on this? (Please see the note at the bottom of the minutes regarding Brenda's response) It was agreed to continue this conversation at the next meeting with attention to the vision/purpose for the ACC Pastoral Council.

C. 4) Adam shared information about a possible change to the ACC website. It looked appealing to many and it was agreed to invite Mark Kuhl to present his ideas at the next meeting. Mark's company is Transfigured. Members are encouraged to check out [THIS LINK](#) (mock website) and [this link](#) (Facebook page) (also on our meeting agenda) prior to our December meeting.

D. Next meeting is Tuesday, December 1, 2020

NOTE: *I (Joan) had a conversation with Brenda after the meeting and asked her the question about direction from the Planning Office regarding ACC Pastoral Councils. She said she would not be sending anything out giving a consistent direction as all ACCs are pursuing (or not pursuing) this differently and each ACC has different needs. She is willing however to meet with us to share her ideas regarding this topic. My understanding of her idea is that the ACC Planning Council would transition to the Pastoral Council when they were ready to do so.*

I hope I did an adequate job in getting an accurate account of what happened at this meeting. Please send any corrections or additions.

Joan Krause

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